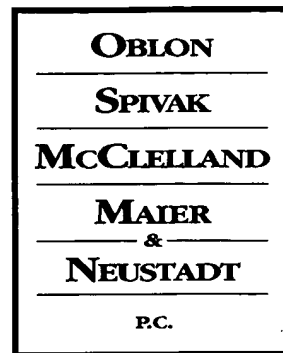


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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 18, 2005, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-3, and 13, drawn to an isolated and purified peptide and a pharmaceutical composition.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction of the above-identified application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-3 and 13 drawn to an isolated and purified peptide and a pharmaceutical composition;
- Group II: Claims 4-6 and 21, drawn to attenuated flavivirus strains, attenuated dengue strains, a chimeric flavivirus and a pharmaceutical composition;
- Group III: Claim 7, drawn to an isolated and purified polynucleotide;